

Eglingham Parish Council

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

MINUTES

Minutes of the electronic meeting of the Annual General Meeting of Eglingham Parish Council held on Wednesday May 12th, 2021 via ZOOM

Present: D Biesterfield (DB), A Gray (AG), J Hamilton (JH) G Leishman (GL), Richard Faulkner (RF)
June Lawson (JL), Aaron Blackmore(AB)

In attendance: Clerk - Lesley Long. County Cllr Wendy Pattinson (WP) Drew Carr-Ellison in respect of planning Application. Morrison Tate - Xmas Lights proposal.

54/21 Election of Officers	It was RESOLVED that Andy Gray be elected Chair. Proposed DB, Seconded JH, AGREED by ALL. It was RESOLVED that Gordon Leishman be elected Vice-Chair. Proposed JH, Seconded AB, AGREED by ALL.
55/21 Apologies for Absence	None
56/21 Public Participation	No questions received
57/21 Minutes of the Previous Meeting	The Minutes of the April 7 th 2021 meeting were Approved as a true record.
58/21 Declarations of Interest	There were no declarations of interest.
59/21 Matters Arising	a. Village Hall Lease. There have been no further developments. RF offered to take the lead on the issue and will liaise with Julia Robson of Northumberland Estates and DB. ACTION - RF & DB b. Eglingham Speed Indicator Sign - now installed. c. Removal of Building Materials - The building materials have been removed. Clerk to write and thank the property owner. ACTION - Clerk d. Response from Speed Assessment Survey North Charlton - On looking at the statistics, WP said there was a good case for asking for 30mph limit for North Charlton. The next step would be for the parish council to ask NCC's Richard McKenzie to consider the request. It was agreed to defer the matter for further discussion on July 7 th . ACTION - ALL
60/21 To Review & Approve Policies and Procedures & Adopt the new Code of Conduct	a. The Parish Council all agreed that all EPC current policies and procedures be re-approved except for the Safeguarding Policy which needs revision. JH offered to take on the role of Safeguarding Officer for a period of 12 months. The Clerk will circulate the current Safeguarding policy to all councillors to discuss more fully on July 7 th 2021. ACTION Clerk & ALL b. The new Model Code of Conduct was ADOPTED c. Clerk to update all policies on the parish council website. ACTION - Clerk

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<p>61/21 Progress on Windfarm Community Fund Applications</p>	<p>Biodiversity Project: JH reported the Grant Panel had agreed to award a grant for Phase 1 - Desktop Study and that further information on the release of funds would be known within the next week. The application for funds for Phases 2 & 3 will go to the June Panel for decision. JH is in regular discussion with consultants regarding the agreed schedule of works. The Desktop Study will take approximately 2 weeks in total to complete and will be scheduled within the consultants' current work programme. It was not possible to give an expected date for its completion, but JH will progress. ACTION - JH</p> <p>Tennis Club: An application has been submitted via the Fast-Track process for £2,000 to repair the fence. A 2nd application for £10,000 towards the cost of a new pavilion has been submitted to the June panel.</p>
<p>62/21 Community Tree Planting Project</p>	<p>AB reported he was waiting for a response from Graham Bucknall of NCC to confirm on which areas and verges the project could plant trees. As soon as he receives it, he will circulate the reply together with a map of the proposed locations. The clerk had forwarded AB an expression of interest request from NCC's Community Development Officer, Iain Hedley, with details of a Treescape Grant for which EPC could apply. Clerk and AB will liaise to complete the Expression of Interest form by 24th May deadline. ACTION - Clerk & AB</p>
<p>63/21 High Speed Broadband Strategy for the Parish</p>	<p>GL had not made as much progress as he would have liked. He has chased Tom Hurst and M Leigh of B4RN to carry out the proposed feasibility study and will report to the next meeting. ACTION - GL</p>
<p>64/21 Suggestion Boxes & Residents Suggestions</p>	<p>Several suggestions had been received. including:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> A dog poo bin at Tarry Lane. This had been investigated and unfortunately, NCC Neighbourhood Services team are unable to get to the bin with their vehicle to empty it. A resident in North Charlton had asked for the problem of heavy traffic passing through the village to be tackled. Residents in North Charlton have asked for planters and a gateway sign at the entrance to the village. It was agreed that suggestions would be discussed in full at the July 7th meeting but that in the meantime they would be recorded in the next edition of Here Abouts with any available updates and resolutions. ACTION AG & JH JH reported that residents in all three villages have formed working groups to produce interpretation boards for their area and would like to have the support of the parish council in taking the project forward. It was agreed that JH and AG would work with the groups and bring the item to the next meeting. In the meantime, a short article will be included in Here Abouts. ACTION AG & JH
<p>65/21 Neighbourhood Plan Update</p>	<p>Nothing to report</p>
<p>66/21 Eglingham Christmas Lights</p>	<p>Morrison Tate attended the meeting to put forward a proposal from Eglingham residents for a tasteful display of white Christmas lights in the village. He had approached NCC and Bamburgh Parish Council who had offered their support. AG suggested that the other villages might wish to get involved, in which case a joint application for funding support from the Windfarm Fund would be a good plan. It was agreed that Morrison would write up the proposal with costs and send it to the parish council to consider at their next meeting. ACTION - MT & ALL</p>

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78/21 Other Urgent Issues	None
79/21 Date of Time of Next Meeting	<p>Wednesday July 7th 2021 at 7.30 at South Charlton Village Hall - subject to the status of Covid-19 restrictions applying at the time.</p> <p>Diary Dates for Future Meetings.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • September 1st at 7.30pm • October 6th at 7.30pm • November 24th at 7.30pm

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